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Good afternoon, Senator Harp, Representative Walker, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee. I am Patricia A. Rehmer, Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. I come before you today to answer any questions regarding the DMHAS projected deficiency of \$12.5 million in the General Assistance Managed Care Account. This shortfall is the result of the Department of Health and Human Services' decision to deny the State's request for an 1115 Medicaid demonstration proposal. Under the 1115 demonstration proposal, the state sought to impose an asset limit of \$10,000 and count parental assets and income above 185 percent of the federal poverty level for individuals ages 19 through 25 who live with or are claimed by one or both parents as tax dependent.

Both DMHAS and DSS continue to analyze utilization data for behavioral health services by the Medicaid LIA population in order to manage expenditures for the remainder of this fiscal year and going forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee on the department's projected deficiency. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.